GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIRPORT AT AJMER
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an Airport in Ajmer which is a hub of international tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for rejecting the site selected near Sradhana whereas action was about to be taken to acquire that land;

(d) the criteria for selecting a new site near Kayad;

(e) the action being taken by the Government to implement the proposal of setting the airport in Kayad; and

(f) the reasons for not starting construction by acquiring the land for the purpose by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) & (b) :- There is a proposal to set up an airport at Ajmer in Rajasthan to fulfil the air traveling needs of tourists and other visitors.
(c) :- The site near Sradhana was rejected due to existing hills and constraints in future expansion of the proposed airport.

(d) :- The new site near Kayad has been found suitable for development of a new airport and also for its future expansion.

(e) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested StateGovernment of Rajasthan to acquire 1300 acres of land free of cost and free from all encumberances.

(f) The State Government of Rajasthan have expressed inability to bear the cost of land required by AAI due to financial constraints and also the drought situation in the State. Planning Commission had not accepted the proposal ofsetting up of an airport at Ajmer on grounds that the new airport will remain commercially unviable. The airport may not become viable without substantial support from the State Government in the form of land and other infrastucture facilities like approach roads, water, power etc.